



RUTGERS

Edward J. Bloustein School
of Planning and Public Policy

CHAT WITH CURRENT MASTERS STUDENTS

VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR
WITH NISHA DESAI AND BENJAMIN NECHMAD



ABOUT US - NISHA DESAI

- 1ST YEAR MHA STUDENT
- BEFORE BLOUSTEIN
 - FROM NEW JERSEY
 - WENT TO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY FOR UNDERGRAD
 - MY MAJOR WAS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ALONG WITH A MINOR IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
 - DECIDED TO PURSUE MY MHA RIGHT AFTER UNDERGRAD
- AFTER BLOUSTEIN
 - HOPING TO COMPLETE AN ADMINISTRATIVE FELLOWSHIP



ABOUT US – BEN NECHMAD

- 2ND YEAR MCRP STUDENT
- BEFORE BLOUSTEIN
 - FROM MASSACHUSETTS
 - WENT TO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY FOR UNDERGRAD
 - MY MAJOR WAS URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN
 - DECIDED TO PURSUE MY MCRP RIGHT AFTER BLOUSTEIN UNDERGRAD THROUGH THE 3-1-1 PROGRAM
 - HOPING TO WORK AT AN URBAN DESIGN FIRM



WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

- WHO IS FROM NEW JERSEY?
- WHO IS FROM ANOTHER STATE THAT IS NOT NEW JERSEY? WHICH STATE?
- WHO IS FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY? WHICH COUNTRY?

SCHOOL CULTURE

- SUPPORTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT
- DIVERSE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
 - BLOUSTEIN GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BGSA)
 - WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COALITION (WLC)
 - EJB DESIGNS
 - INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INTEREST GROUP (IDIG)
 - HUNDREDS OF RUTGERS-WIDE ORGANIZATIONS
- WEEKLY SOCIALS AROUND NEW BRUNSWICK OR HIGHLAND PARK
- CURRENTLY HAVE VIRTUAL SOCIAL HOURS, STUDY HOURS, BOOK CLUBS, AND MORE

RUTGERS CAMPUSES

- 3 RUTGERS LOCATIONS
 - CENTRAL NEW JERSEY – NEW BRUNSWICK (FLAGSHIP CAMPUS)
 - NEWARK (OUTSIDE OF MANHATTAN)
 - CAMDEN (OUTSIDE PHILADELPHIA)
- MULTIPLE MINI CAMPUSES AT THE FLAGSHIP LOCATION
 - BUSCH
 - LIVINGSTON
 - COOK-DOUGLASS
 - COLLEGE AVE
- ACCESS TO LIBRARIES, GYMS, COMPUTER LABS, AND OTHER FACILITIES AT ANY CAMPUS
- A FREE BUS NETWORK CONNECTS ALL NEW BRUNSWICK CAMPUSES

CAREER SERVICES SUPPORT

- ON-SITE CAREER SERVICES SPECIALIST WHO WORKS EXCLUSIVELY WITH BLOUSTEIN GRADUATE STUDENTS
- SOURCES OF JOBS
 - OUR RESEARCH CENTERS
 - PEER AND ALUMNI NETWORKS
 - ALUMNI CHAPTERS IN NYC, NJ, PHILADELPHIA, WASHINGTON DC, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS, SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO
 - PROFESSORS
 - EMPLOYER VISITS AND PANELS
- MOST STUDENTS WORK OR INTERN PART-TIME WHILE COMPLETING THEIR DEGREE

OUR FACILITIES

- ALL BLOUSTEIN CLASSES ARE IN OUR BUILDING AT 33 LIVINGSTON AVENUE (NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ)
- 2 COMPUTER LABS
- STUDENT LOUNGE WITH KITCHENETTE
- QUIET STUDY ROOMS
- 24/7 BUILDING ACCESS WITH SECURITY

HOUSING OPTIONS

- MOST STUDENTS LIVE IN HIGHLAND PARK OR NEW BRUNSWICK
- SOME STUDENTS COMMUTE FROM AS FAR AS PHILADELPHIA OR NEW YORK
- COMMON TO LIVE WITH BLOUSTEIN OR OTHER RUTGERS STUDENTS
- AFFORDABLE TO LIVE IN A HOUSE WITH ROOMMATES - HIGHLAND PARK

LIFE OUTSIDE BLOUSTEIN

- JERSEY SHORE IN THE SUMMER
- PARKS IN NEW BRUNSWICK AND HIGHLAND PARK
- CONNECTIONS TO THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR BY TRAIN
 - PRINCETON – 30 MINUTES
 - NEW YORK – 1 HOUR
 - PHILADELPHIA – 1.5 HOURS
 - D.C. – 3 HOURS
 - BOSTON – 4 HOURS
- RURAL TO URBAN PARTS OF NEW JERSEY ARE VERY CLOSE AND ACCESSIBLE

ANY QUESTIONS?

- PLEASE TYPE YOUR QUESTIONS INTO THE MESSAGE WINDOW
- IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS AFTER TODAY'S SESSION, PLEASE EMAIL US AT RECRUIT@EJB.RUTGERS.EDU